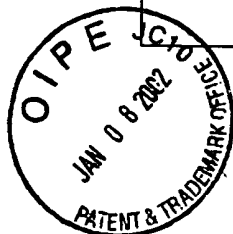


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For: PHARMACEUTICAL CARRIER  
DEVICE SUITABLE FOR DELIVERY  
OF PHARMACEUTICAL  
COMPOUNDS TO MUCOSAL  
SURFACES

Examiner: E. Webman

Group Art Unit: 1617

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2001 (Paper No. 19), for which a response was due on October 17, 2001. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to November 17, 2001.

Accordingly, the response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.